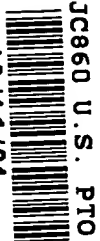


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Inventor(s): Hideyuki Usui; Hiroaki Agata; Kazuhiko Yamazaki;

For (title): **CONNECTION ENHANCEMENT APPARATUS AND INFORMATION
PROCESSING APPARATUS**

1. Type of Application

This transmittal is for an original (nonprovisional) application.

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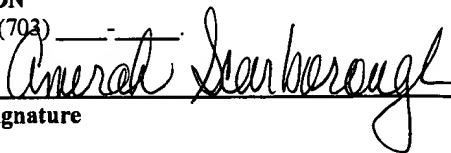
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2. Papers Enclosed

A. Required for filing date under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) (Regular) or 37 C.F.R. 1.153 (Design) Application

23 Page(s) of Specification

4 Page(s) of Claims

21 Sheet(s) of Drawing(s)--Formal

B. Other Papers Enclosed

2 Page(s) of declaration and power of attorney

1 Page(s) of abstract

3. Assignment

✓ An assignment of the invention to **International Business Machines Corporation; Armonk, NY** is attached. A separate "RECORDATION COVER SHEET" is also attached.

4. Transmittal of Certified Copy

Attached please find the certified copy of the foreign application from which priority is claimed for this case:

Country: JAPAN

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Filing Date: Oct. 19, 2000

5. F Calculation (37 C.F.R. Section 1.16)

Regular Application

CLAIMS AS FILED

Claims	Number Filed	Basic Fee Allowance	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee 37 CFR 1.16(a) \$740.00
Total Claims	12	20	0	\$18.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims	3	3	0	\$84.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims					\$0.00
Filing Fee Calculation					\$740.00

6. Fee Payment Being Made at This Time

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8. Authorization to Charge Additional Fees

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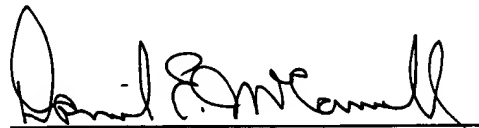
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